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OLD SOCIAL STRUCTURE
PERSISTS IN UZBEK AND KIRGIZ SSR

CONDITIONS AMONG UZBEK WOMEN CRITIZED -- Pravda Vostoka, No 67, 5 Apr 49

The Bureau of the Khodzhi-Abadskiy Rayon Party Committee heard the report of Madraimova, secretary of the Party organization, Kolkhoz imeni Stalin, Bulak-Bashinskiy Rural Soviet, Kirgiz SSR on the condition of political work among women. She emphasized the fact that meetings of women are seldom held. In the past year there were only two. Illiterate or almost illiterate women are still to be found. The Party organization and the Kolkhoz administration has not created proper living conditions for women. Extremely few assume leadership. Polygamy and other feudal relationship toward women still exist.

The Bureau of the Rayon Party Committee obligates the Party organization to increase political work among women, to hold lectures for them, to introduce them to teachers, doctors and representatives of the agricultural intelligentsia.

BACKWARD CUSTOMS SURVIVE -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 2, 4 Jan 49

Aravanskiy Rayon, Kirgiz SSR, has been neglecting educational work among the young people. There are approximately 1,200 Komsomol members in the rayon, but a much larger number of nonmembers. Lack of proper orientation has permitted survivals of old, backward customs, even among Komsomol members. Tabayev, a Komsomol member, married a minor and took her out of school. Tagayev and Kalbekov, also Komsomols, perform religious ceremonies. The rayon committee of the Komsomol has failed to carry on antireligious propaganda, as well as to educate the Kirgiz girls of the region.

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